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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on December 12, 2002, Applicant requests amendment of claims 16 and 44 and reconsideration of the Application in light of the following discussion.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 16 and 44 to read as follows:

16. (Amended four times) A method for analyzing a plurality of samples, the method comprising:

a. loading the samples into a plurality of through-holes disposed in a platen in a two-dimensional array characterized by an areal density of at least 1.6 through-holes per square millimeter;

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